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August 21, 1995

Ms. Marlys Palumbo  
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Dear Ms Palumbo:

During the 1995 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed House Bill 1810. This bill creates a twenty-two member committee to study the Department of Ecology's implementation of the Model Toxics Control Act. One of the opportunities provided in the bill is for the committee to designate two (2) pilot projects to "...evaluate alternative methods for accomplishing faster, less expensive and equally protective cleanups at complex sites".

To be eligible for consideration as a pilot project, a site must be currently doing cleanup work under an order, agreed order or consent degree under the Model Toxics Control Act. In addition, sites that are in the process of preparing (or have recently completed) a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study are to be given preference over other sites. The Pasco Sanitary Landfill site, which you are currently responsible for, appears to be eligible for consideration as a pilot project.

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is currently in the process of compiling a list of sites for the committee's consideration as possible pilot sites. **Selection as a pilot project will provide potentially liable persons at that site the opportunity to explore creative cleanups that may be faster and cheaper while still comply with the law and regulations. There is no assurance that the proposed alternative approach will be accepted by Ecology but under the bill, Ecology must consider the alternative approach and include it in a report to the committee.** Because willingness to participate in this program is a criteria for selection, we are first contacting persons responsible for these sites to determine if you are interested in requesting your site be considered for a pilot project.

The statute requires the committee to select pilot projects sites by October 1, 1995. Ecology is also required to solicit public comment on proposed pilot sites. Sites for which there is "significant public opposition" to selection as a pilot site are not eligible. For this reason, we are also sending a copy of this letter to persons near your site who have indicated an interest in activities at your site. If you decide to offer your site for consideration, additional notice will be provided to solicit public comment.

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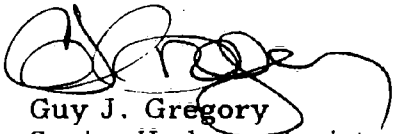


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A detailed schedule for site selection is enclosed. Given the tight time frame for site selection, we have set a response deadline of August 30, 1995. If you are interested in having your site considered for a pilot project, please contact me at (509) 456-6387 as soon as possible, but no later than August 30th.

**We hope you will give serious consideration to participating as a pilot project.**

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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